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	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed
	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
\boxtimes	This patent application is assigned to <u>FUJI XEROX CO., LTD</u> .
	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
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\Box	Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-81646 filed March 24, 2003 in Japan and No. 2004-44858

Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-81646 filed March 24, 2003 in Japan and No. 2004-44858 filed February 20, 2004 in Japan are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

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A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or

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